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- THROCK/ECOMONY
- Contact Report (THROCK/3)

REFERENCE: DMR 33889

1. Purpose of contact:

- a. On 8 January 1954, [] arrived in MIRALO to contact subjects. The primary purpose of the contact was to persuade subjects to sign the Syria agreement which would result in their being confined to Syria under complete Greek custody and jurisdiction.

2. THROCK/3:

- a. THROCK/3 was contacted on 8 and 9 January and related to [] what had developed since they last saw each other in Athens in September 1953. During the course of the discussion the following pertinent comments were made by THROCK/3:

- i. An unidentified Greek Consularis officer told him that KUWAN will not the Greek authorities were preventing his marriage.
- ii. He was sent to MIRALO primarily for security reasons.
- iii. He resisted efforts to teach him Spanish and a trade because he believed that he could not be helped by it, but he did request that he be taught to drive a vehicle.
- iv. He was accused of threatening a fellow refugee with a knife (he denies this) and as a result was confined for six months.
- v. He did not resist emigration nor did he insist on being returned to Greece, but he did seek to be united with his fiancee.
- vi. He will not resist emigration from Greece unless his staying in Greece would enable him to marry.

b. THROCK/3

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b. [REDACTED] was not satisfied on point (1a) above and the conditions of the Greek agreement convinced him that he was right. Realizing that no other course of action was open to him, [REDACTED] reluctantly signed the agreement.

c. [REDACTED] was told by [REDACTED] that this action has no objections to his remaining contact with, or marrying, his fiance, but that such action would require the approval of the Greek authorities.

d. [REDACTED]

e. [REDACTED] was contacted on 8 January and again on 9 January at his request, and then, the two hours he would probably be working for him at this future date. However, when informed that he was being sent to Syria, he added that and was most strident. The following is a list of questions raised by [REDACTED] and the answers given to him:

1. Should he be permitted to have his wife and child with him at Syrian Air. That action would have to be arranged with the Greek authorities.

2. That will prevent the Greek authorities from impounding him as soon as he arrived in Syria? Ans. The terms of the agreement specify that he will remain at Syria awaiting migration unless he is involved in an action which is punishable under Greek law.

3. Does the Greek Government have any jurisdiction over him at the present time which necessitates his being returned to Greece? No direct answer to this question was given, but [REDACTED] was told that it was necessary to return him to Greece under the conditions of the Syria agreement. At this point [REDACTED] made a reference to his friend and adviser, which indicated that he believed his marriage to a Greek woman gave the Greek authorities jurisdiction over him.)

4. Is this action leaving him out completely or would they, in the event of war or some emergency, contact him in the future? Ans. This action will always keep a check on anyone who has ever had connections with [REDACTED].

5. [REDACTED] indicated that he was anxious to discover whether the Americans or the Greeks were responsible for his being placed in confinement in Greece in 1951, and the cause he was supposed to have committed; he would prefer this question should be kept by himself (presumably from this action) while he is in Greece. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he was not familiar with this aspect of his case, but that in his opinion [REDACTED] would be in prison now if he had committed a serious offence. [REDACTED] was also told that he will serve no useful purpose by holding this question at a future date and he agreed to forget the matter.

6. Several times during the two contacts with [REDACTED] he added that [REDACTED] gives [REDACTED] best regards to all who know him and to mention that he would never forget them.

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4. [] was contacted only once on 9 January. He was told that, in recognition of his past services and his excellent behavior at ROMA, those connected with his case were making an effort to obtain his entry into the United States or the U.S. Army. He was reminded several times during this discussion that this effort may not be successful. He was also told that his becoming an American was necessary in the very near future and in the event that he entry into the United States or the U.S. Army was still pending he would be forced to return. He was told that his transfer to Syria would be certain in the event that he was not permitted to enter the United States or the U.S. Army. At this point he was asked to sign the Syria agreement. He reluctantly stated that he could not sign any agreement which indicated a voluntary severance of relations with the Americans. However, [] added that he would not permit his transfer to Greece should the Americans decide to send him there. He pointed out that living conditions in Syria are much better than in Greece. He health would probably deteriorate and, being a Bulgarian, he would not be forced to take treatment at the hands of the Greeks.

5. [] was indoctrinated not to reveal to anyone what took place during his discussions and was told that he would not be asked questions by anyone to Syria if he violated these instructions. He was told he would return immediately and would clearly sign a statement to this effect.

Acting Chtar, SS

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(2 copies Syria agreement in Greek,
1. copy " " in English)

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